



Jacqueline S. Garner

Jackie Garner joined the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as the Chicago Regional Administrator in May 2003. She came to the Region V office with over twenty years of experience in health and human services. She has extensive experience in not for profit executive leadership, health care foundation program and policy development; and advocacy leadership at the state and federal level. Most recently she served as a member of the Governor's cabinet in Illinois as the Director of the Illinois

Department of Public Aid, the state Medicaid and S-CHIP agency. As Director she oversaw the development and implementation of one of the first state pharmacy waiver programs.

Since joining CMS she has taken on the lead roles in Medicaid and the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA). Region V's six state area is home to over 13.5 million beneficiaries and more than 11,000 certified providers (approximately 20% of the nation's providers). Included in this large region is a diverse population that includes over 50 million people and 34 Federally recognized Tribes. Business functions include survey and certification; contractor management; Medicaid oversight; and beneficiary and provider outreach.